

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A system for annotating audible messages that are received by a subscriber of a unified communications service network, the system comprising:
- a message presentation form that enables the subscriber to access audible messages, the message presentation form further comprising:
- an audible message player that enables playback of an audible message; and
- 10 a private notes field that enables the subscriber to annotate the audible message during playback of the audible message.
2. The system of claim 1 further comprising:
- 15 a search tool that enables search and retrieval of audible messages based, at least in part, upon annotations in the private notes field.
3. The system of claim 1 further comprising:
- 20 a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field are forwarded at the option of the subscriber.

4. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field are not forwarded.

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5. The system of claim 1 wherein the message presentation form further comprises:

a subject field that enables input of a subject heading for the audible message.

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6. The system of claim 5 further comprising:

a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other recipients and wherein the subject heading is forwarded.

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7. A method for annotating audible messages that are received by a subscriber of a unified communications service network, the method comprising:

presenting a subscriber with a message presentation form that enables the subscriber to access audible messages, the message presentation form further comprising:

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an audible message player that enables playback of an audible message; and

a private notes field that enables the subscriber to annotate the audible message during playback of the audible message;

enabling the subscriber to annotate the audible message using the private  
notes field.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

5 providing a search tool that enables search and retrieval of audible  
messages based, at least in part, upon annotations in the private  
notes field.

9. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

10 providing a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible  
messages to other recipients and wherein annotations in the private  
notes field are forwarded at the option of the subscriber.

10. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

15 providing a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible  
messages to other recipients and wherein annotations in the private  
notes field are not forwarded.

11. The method of claim 7 wherein the message presentation form further comprises:

20 a subject field that enables input of a subject heading for the audible  
message and the method further comprises:

providing a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible  
messages to other recipients and wherein the subject  
heading is forwarded.

- 5     12.     A system for annotating audible messages that are received by a subscriber of a  
unified communications service network, the system comprising:

message presentation form means for enabling the subscriber to access

audible messages, the message presentation form means further  
comprising:

10     audible message player means for enabling playback of an audible

message; and

private notes field means for enabling the subscriber to annotate

the audible message during playback of the audible

message.

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13.     The system of claim 12 further comprising:

search tool means for enabling search and retrieval of audible messages

based, at least in part, upon annotations in the private notes field

means.

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14.     The system of claim 12 further comprising:

message forwarder means for enabling forwarding of audible messages to  
other recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field  
means are forwarded at the option of the subscriber.

5 15. The system of claim 12 further comprising:

message forwarder means for enabling forwarding of audible messages to  
other recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field  
means are not forwarded.

10 16. The system of claim 12 wherein the message presentation form means further  
comprises:

subject field means for enabling input of a subject heading for the audible  
message.

15 17. The system of claim 16 further comprising:

message forwarder means for enabling forwarding of audible messages to  
other recipients and wherein the subject heading is forwarded.

18. A processor readable medium having process readable code embodied therein for  
20 causing a processor to annotate audible messages that are received by a subscriber  
of a unified communications service network, the processor readable medium  
comprising:

processor readable code for presenting a message presentation form that  
enables the subscriber to access audible messages, the message  
presentation form further comprising:

an audible message player that enables playback of an audible  
message; and

a private notes field that enables the subscriber to annotate the  
audible message during playback of the audible message;  
and

processor readable code for enabling the subscriber to annotate the audible  
message using the private notes field.

19. The processor readable medium of claim 18 further comprising:

processor readable code that enables a processor to provide a search tool  
that enables search and retrieval of audible messages based, at  
least in part, upon annotations in the private notes field.

20. The processor readable medium of claim 18 further comprising:

processor readable code that enables a processor to provide a message  
forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other  
recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field are  
forwarded at the option of the subscriber.

21. The processor readable medium of claim 18 further comprising:

processor readable code that enables a processor to provide a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other recipients and wherein annotations in the private notes field are not forwarded.

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22. The processor readable medium of claim 18 wherein the processor readable code for presenting a message presentation form further comprises:

processor readable code for presenting a subject field that enables input of a subject heading for the audible message.

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23. The processor readable medium of claim 22 further comprising:

processor readable code for presenting a message forwarder that enables forwarding of audible messages to other recipients and wherein the subject heading is forwarded.

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